

## House Resolution No. 3994

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of longstanding resident Charles Barton Thistle on July 11, 2005, at the age of eighty-nine; and

**Whereas**, born on October 28, 1915, Charles Thistle attended Pem Day Country Day School of Kansas City and graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia as a member of Phi Psi fraternity; and

**Whereas**, Charles Thistle toured Europe in 1938 by staying in youth hostels and witnessed firsthand the coming of World War II; and

**Whereas**, a 1937 ROTC graduate, Charles Thistle joined the United States Army in 1941 as a Second Lieutenant and served in the Cavalry in Italy and as a Field Artillery Commander and Liaison Officer before earning an Honorable Discharge at the rank of Major in 1945; and

**Whereas**, Charles Thistle married his beloved Mary E. Shipman on August 23, 1945, in a marital union which was to be blessed with the love and affection of three daughters, Elaine Victoria Graham, who was born in 1946; Jeanette Dixon Gaches, who was born in 1949; and Loretta Charlene Thistle, who was born in 1955; and

**Whereas**, Charles Thistle proved to be a fine example of integrity and devotion for his family which grew to include many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Charles Thistle was the owner and operator of Woodstock Hoefer Watch and Jewelry Company of Kansas City from 1945 to 1983, when he retired and moved to Laurie;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Charles Thistle and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to all of his family members, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Charles Barton Thistle of Laurie, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bob Dixon  
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3994, adopted July 13, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker